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For : STIMULATION FOR TREATING EAR PATHOLOGIES

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

The above-referenced application is the US National Phase of International Patent Application PCT/IL2003/000963, filed November 13, 2003, which claims priority from US Provisional Patent Application 60/426,181, entitled, "Stimulation for treating ear pathologies," filed November 14, 2002.

Before examining the present application, kindly amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.